30-year New Bedford police officer Charlie Perry running for mayor

30-year New Bedford police officer Charlie Perry unofficially threw his had into the 2017 New Bedford mayor's race by setting up a Why Not CP in 2017 Facebook page. He is the first person to start campaigning on social media to run against mayor Jon Mitchell.

Nomination papers to run for office in this year's New Bedford elections don't become available until mid-May, so his candidacy is unofficial until he gets the required signatures.

Charlie was featured as our 7th #FacesofNewBedford:

"After spending a year in the cadet program in 1987, he left for the academy and never looked back. In his almost 30 years of service, he has not only patrolled our streets to keep them safe, but has worked as a detective and resource officer at Keith Junior High School."

Full Faces of New Bedford profile here.